

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing Of Claims:**

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (New) A method for signaling several items of information relevant for operating a motor vehicle, comprising:

representing different items of information by unambiguous haptic signals at different positions of a control element of the vehicle;

forming the different items of information by different fuel consumption values;

respectively representing the different fuel consumption values by a characteristic of one of the haptic signals on the control element having a maximum at the associated position of the control element; and

ascertaining the one of the haptic signals as a function of a consumption per unit of distance using a characteristics function.

10. (New) The method as recited in Claim 9, wherein:  
the haptic signals have a maximum.

11. (New) The method as recited in Claim 9, wherein:  
the control element includes an accelerator pedal.

12. (New) The method as recited in Claim 9, wherein:  
the characteristic of the one of the haptic signals includes a saw-tooth-shaped characteristic.

13. (New) The method as recited in Claim 9, further comprising:  
specifying at least one of the fuel consumption values using an input unit.

14. (New) The method as recited in Claim 9, further comprising:  
forming the one of the haptic signals by a restoring a force acting on the control element.

15. (New) A device for signaling several items of information relevant for operating a motor vehicle, comprising:

an arrangement for representing different items of information by unambiguous haptic signals at different positions of a control element of the vehicle;

an arrangement for forming the different items of information by different fuel consumption values;

an arrangement for respectively representing the different fuel consumption values by a characteristic of one of the haptic signals on the control element having a maximum at the associated position of the control element; and

an arrangement including a characteristics function and for ascertaining the one of the haptic signal as a function of a consumption per unit of distance.

16. (New) The device as recited in Claim 15, wherein:

the haptic signals have a maximum.

17. (New) The device as recited in Claim 15, wherein:

the control element includes an accelerator pedal.

18. (New) The device as recited in Claim 15, wherein:

the characteristic of the one of the haptic signals includes a saw-tooth-shaped characteristic.